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In re PATENT APPLICATION of )  
Tomas Cihlar ) Docket No. 240.1PCD  
Divisional of Serial No: 09/330,245 )  
Filed: June 10, 1999 )  
Title: NOVEL GENE ENCODING ORGANIC )  
ANION TRANSPORTER )

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

Please insert the following cross-reference to related applications:

--This application is a divisional of application serial no. 09/330,245, filed June 10, 1999, pending which is a continuation of provisional application serial no. 60/088,864, filed June 11, 1998, now abandoned, and provisional application serial no. 60/132,267, filed May 3, 1999, now abandoned.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 15, 16, and 19.

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